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PREFACE *to the* READER.

AMONG the many inestimable Privileges which the People of this Nation enjoy beyond any other under Heaven, that of chusing their own Representatives in Parliament, is none of the least, but this Happiness, great as it is, like other Blessings, is often perverted to the worst of Purposes, Heats and Animosities, ever destructive to the public Good, then generally arise to the greatest Height between the contending Parties, personal Reflections, and the bitterest Invectives are cast at each other, each Man imagining he then does his own Cause most Service when most he vilifies his Opponents; a more remarkable Instance of this scarce ever appear'd than in the late Westminster Election, between the Friends of the two worthy Candidates: The Patrons of one representing their Cause as the Cause of Liberty itself, not only as a mere Contest on whom the Choice of Election should fall,

but as a Matter of the utmost Importance, wherein their Rights, their All was at Stake, declaring their Adversaries to be Encouragers of the French, a Parcel of abject Wretches, and Enemies of their Country: To this, the other Side reply'd, that nothing could be more absurd than such silly idle Surmises, artfully calculated by designing Persons, with a particular View to enflame the Passions of Men, and impose on honest Minds, especially the Common People who are easily led aside and bias'd: And as this produced a kind of Paper War, and several curious Pieces were printed by either Side, the collecting of these together, at least all worthy any Notice, was imagined by several judicious Gentlemen to be of no small Service to the Public, that after Passion was a little cool'd, and Prejudice in some Manner laid aside, every Man might judge for himself of the Truth or Falshood of what had been advanc'd by either Party, still keeping in View this celebrated Maxim,

Magna est Veritas et prævalebit.



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AUTHENTIC ACCOUNT, &c.

Nov. 16, 1749.

Yesterday the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount *Trentham* kiss'd his Majesty's Hand at St. James's, on his being appointed one of the Lords of the Admiralty. And at Noon his Lordship waited on the High Steward and Burgeses of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, to desire their Votes and Interest, for his being re-elected a Member of the said City and Liberty.

*To the Worthy Inhabitants of the City and
Liberty of Westminster.*

GENTLEMEN,

HIS Majesty having been graciously pleased to appoint me one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, by which my Seat in Parliament is vacated, and the Shortness of Time not permitting me to apply personally to you, I take this Method of entreating your Votes and Interest to be re-elected your Representative in Parliament, which will ever be acknowledged, by,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obliged humble Servant,

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TRENTHAM.

Nov. 17, 1749.

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

Gentlemen,

YOU are desired to meet this Day, at Six o'Clock in the Evening, at the *Crown and Anchor Tavern* in the Strand, to nominate a proper Candidate to succeed *Lord Trentham*, who has accepted a Place.

Note. No *French Strollers* will be admitted.

To the Worthy Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of Westminster.

AT a Meeting of a great Number of the Principal Inhabitants and Electors of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, at the *Crown and Anchor Tavern*; it was unanimously agreed, to propose *GEORGE COOKE, Esq;* to be a Candidate at the ensuing Election of a Representative in Parliament for the said City and Liberty, in the Room of the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount *Trentham*, who hath accepted of the Office of one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*; your Votes and Interest are therefore desired for the said *George Cooke, Esq;* accordingly.

Nov. 17, 1749.

To the Worthy (not regarding the Unworthy)

*B—s, E—rs, Inhabitants, and others,
of the City and Liberties of Westminster,
These are,*

YOUR Votes and Interest are desired, expected, and earnestly entreated, by *Capt. Hercules Vinegar*, against all Candidates, to represent you in Parliament, who practice the infamous manner of
puffing

puffing, and soliciting for their Seats in Parliament, by Advertisements and News Puffs, after the Manner and Mode of the celebrated Doctor R—k. If you ask some old Latin School-master he will explain the Meaning of *Ambire Magistratum*: And how infamous the *Romans* held it, and how opposite to our Laws and Constitution it is, wherein Freedom of Election is so guarded with useful Statutes.

N. B. Speedily will be publish'd a diverting Epistle, from a Man in the Moon to *London* and *Westminster*. The Convention of the Estates of the Moon, are ordered for *December 25*.

Likewise soon will be delivered to the Subscribers, the new Essay upon Speeches, printed at *Grand Cairo*, and translated from the old *Egyptian* Lingua into the modern, and most accurate *French*, as it is spoken at the C—rs in the *Hay-Market*.

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

Gentlemen,

YOUR Votes, Interest, and Poll, if needful, are desired for

PETER WOOD,

To be your Representative in Parliament, having on every Occasion distinguished himself for the Service and Pleasure of the Public in General, and of this City in Particular.

* * He hopes he has lately made manifest to the Whole World his particular Love of *Justice*; which must recommend him to every *HONEST Man*.

N. B.. Mr. WOOD desires the Worthy Electors to excuse his not making his Personal Application, *A late Affair hindering him from it*; but hopes they will take Notice, That he was no Way concern'd in the Vindication of the *French Strollers*.

Nov. 20, 1749.

THE Worthy Electors of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, are desired to meet this Day at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, at the *Sun Tavern* in *King-Street*, to approve of a proper Person to represent the said City and Liberty.

To the Worthy Electors of *Westminster*.

Gentlemen,

UPON my Return to Town this Day, I was greatly surprized to find my Letter of *Sunday* last had not been communicated to the General Meeting at the *Sun Tavern* Yesterday Morning; after the infinite Obligations I am under for the very great Honour done me, by so considerable a Number as appeared at the *Crown* and *Anchor* on *Friday* last, I must be thought the most ungrateful of all Men, not to have made my Acknowledgments, and express'd the just Sense I had of so extraordinary a Mark of their Good-will towards me. I have therefore taken the Freedom to make my Apology in this Manner; and at the same Time, communicate to you, the Letter itself which was sent from my House in the Country on *Sunday* Morning last by Eleven o'Clock, and was deliver'd to one of the Gentlemen of the Committee before Four that same Day; I have not seen the Gentlemen since that, but I dare say their great Zeal to serve me, was the only Reason why it was not produced, in hopes from their second Message I should have been there in Person, who am,

Gentlemen,

Your most faithful and

most obliged humble Servant,

Lincoln's-Inn Fields,

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1749.

*Mr. COOKE'S Answer to the Gentlemen of
the Committee from the Crown and Anchor Tavern.*

Hartfield, Nov. 19, 1749.

Gentlemen,

I AM very sorry that I was not at home, when you did me the Favour to call at my House. I am highly obliged to the Gentlemen who composed the Meeting on *Friday* last at the *Crown and Anchor*, and think myself highly honoured by the unanimous Approbation of so considerable a Body of Worthy Electors.

I most sincerely wish my Situation would allow me to accept so generous an Invitation, and support their Choice with a Spirit becoming the Confidence placed in me: But as my Time is so short, and several of my Friends in the County are averse to my engaging in this, I hope the Gentlemen will turn their Thoughts to some Person more worthy their Attention, and more capable of serving them. I rely on you, Gentleman, to express my Thanks in a suitable Manner, and to beg their excuse for not answering the Message sooner, being desirous to give it all the Consideration and Deference possible; who am, with the truest Regard,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most faithful and

obliged humble Servant,

GEORGE COOKE.

*To the Worthy Independent Electors of the
City and Liberty of Westminster.*

THE ever memorable and glorious Struggle we formerly made in Defence of our Liberties, and the good Success which hath constantly flowed from it ever since, chiefly owing to our
monthly

monthly Commemoration of it, should excite in us the most vigorous and active Resolution of preserving the Name of Independents, by opposing at the ensuing Election a late Representative, merely because he shewed his Face one Night at the *little Theatre in the Hay-Market*. Let us rather appear active in Favour of one, who will have such a Regard to the Importance of us, his Constituents, as not to attempt to dare to partake of any Amusements or Diversions, but such we shall prescribe to him. This is the Man who will merit our Esteem; and this is the Man (if such a one will be a Candidate that I will vote for.

An Independent Elector.

St. Ann's, Nov. 20, 1749.

*To the Free and Unbribed Electors of Westminster,
Gentlemen,*

AS no less than the Freedom and Independency of this vast and opulent City is now at Stake, in the Choice of a Member to represent you, it behoves you to guard against all Attacks of Power, in whatever Shape it may appear. Let no delusive Arts, no evasive Apologies, or fallacious Promises misguide you; keep the grand Point of Independency and Freedom still in View; be unanimous in the Choice of a Man, who free from any Connections with the known Invaders of your Liberties, or from any Attachments to those who have so often deceived you, is likely to answer the great Ends for which you elect him; be not above following the noble Precedent of the little Liberty of *St. Martin's-le-Grand*, who shaking off all Dependence on those who call themselves their Superiors, have exerted themselves with a becoming Spirit, and shew'd a proper Resentment at the insolent Use made of their Favours, by giving their unbought and unsolicited Votes in Favour of Freedom, Independency and

*Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT. Yours,
An ELECTOR.*

*To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.**Gentlemen,*

WHereas a most scandalous and unprecedented Combination has been entered into by a Sett of Persons, who would call themselves Gentlemen, by amusing you, for Three Days together, in order to prevent you in your just Right, of electing a proper Person to represent you in Parliament, in the room of Lord *Trentham*, who has accepted of a Place: And whereas at this critical Juncture, the Worthy Sir *George Vandeput*, Bart. a Gentleman zealously affected to his Country and the present Establishment, and every Way qualified for so important a Trust, was so kind (in order to prevent so high an Indignity on so considerable a Body of *Englishmen*) to offer himself a Candidate, which was unanimously approved of by more than Two Thousand of your Brethren then present, this, is therefore, to desire your Votes and Interest in Support of him, and your just Rights; which, if attended with the expected Success, will be the greatest Glory to this City and Liberty.

Yours,

*Corvent-Garden,
Nov. 21, 1749.*

An Hundred Electors

N. B. A Proof of the above Combination is, that the equivocating Excuse for appearing in the Support of the *French Strollers* is left off, and you are laugh'd at in a cook'd up Advertisement in one of the daily Papers, signed, *An Independent Elector*.

*To the Worthy Electors of Westminster,**Gentlemen, and Fellow Citizens,*

BEING unanimously approved of at a large Meeting of the Worthy Electors of this City,

as a Candidate to represent them in Parliament, in the Room of Lord *Trentham*, whose Seat is become vacant, I humbly beg the Favour of your Votes and Interest, assuring you I shall always discharge my Trust with Fidelity to you, and to the Laws and Liberties of *England*. I return you my hearty Thanks for your uncommon Zeal and Appearance for me this Morning, and am

Gentlemen,

Your most obliged humble Servant,

Grosvenor Street,
Nov. 22, 1749.

GEO. VANDEPUT.

Nov. 22, 1749.

THE Poll is adjourn'd to *Friday Morning* at Nine o'Clock, at which Time Sir *George* desires the Favour of his Friends to meet him at *Covent Garden*. And whereas a malicious Report has been spread that Sir *George Vandeput* will decline the Election, he assures his Friends he is determin'd to support it to the last.

Nov. 23, 1749.

A List of the Nobility and Gentry who polled on Wednesday Morning.

For Sir *Geo. Vandeput*.

Earl of *Egmont*,
Sir *John Cust*, *Bart.*
Geo. Clarges, *Esq;*
John Shuttleworth, *Esq;*
Edward Kynaston, *Esq;*
Geo. Cooke, *Esq;*
John Conyers,
William Northy,
Charles Soleirol,
John Davis.

For Lord *Trentham*.

Sir *Hugh Smithson*, *Bart.*
George Payne, *Esq;*
Francis Vernon, *Esq;*
Thomas Lediard, *Esq;*
Thomas Salisbury,
Horatio Townsend,
Francis Hutchinson,
William Sharp,
John Davenport,
Francis Reynolds.

WHEREAS it has been maliciously reported, in order to impose upon the worthy Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and to prejudice me in their Opinion at this Time, that I was active in the Disturbance at the *French Playhouse* last *Tuesday* sevensnight; I do declare, upon my Honour, that I was neither in the Pit nor Gallery where the Disturbance happened during the Time of the Performance, nor drew my Sword, nor made use of any Weapon, either to strike or terrify any of the Spectators, nor was I even present at the first and chief Disturbance; nor have I been at any Representation at that Playhouse since the first Night of the Performance, as has been falsely suggested.

Grosvenor-Street,
Nov. 23, 1749.

TRENTHAM.

WHEREAS it has been maliciously reported; in order to impose on the Worthy Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and to prejudice me in their Opinion at this Time, that I was active in the Proceedings against *Bosavern Penlez*, at the *Old Baily* last Sessions; I do declare, Upon my Honour, that I neither on the Bench nor in the Gallery, nor uttered my Evidence, or made use of any Perjury to condemn or hang any of the Prisoners; nor was I even present at the First and Chief Prosecution; nor have I been at any Trial in that Court since the First Day of the Sessions, as has been falsely suggested.

Temple-Bar, Nov. 24, 1746.

P—r W—d.

WHEREAS it has been maliciously reported, in order to impose upon my Countrywomen, and prejuce me in their Favour, that I was seen at the *Hay-Market Theatre* the First Night of the

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Frontis

*French Play, I swear by my Beard, * that I was not there either that, or any other Night of their Performance*

PEGGY W———N.

* See. As you Like it, *Act I. Scene 2.*

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

Gentlemen,

INSTEAD of the *Champion* of, and *Subscriber* to, the *French Strollers*, your Vote and Interest is desired for

Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT, Bart.

Who was nominated to represent you in Parliament, with the unanimous Approbation of a great Number of the principal Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, at their last general Meeting, at the *Sun Tavern* in *Westminster* for that purpose; he being a Gentleman every way qualified for so important a Trust; a zealous Asserter of the *British Liberties*, and a Lover of his Country.

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster

Notwithstanding a particular Influence appeared so conspicuous Yesterday, that all the public Offices were raked for Votes; that the Hustings (contrary to Custom) were filled with Voters on one Side who were smuggled thro' the Church; that there was a Mob arm'd with Bludgeons, hired to interrupt the Freedom of Election, the Captain of which, with Nineteen of his Bruisers, were sent to the Roundhouse, yet upon casting up the Poll, there was only the inconsiderable Majority of 184, altho' at the closing of the Books more than 400
from

from one Parish only were ready to vote for Sir George Vandeput.

All this considered, the Friends of that Gentleman can not but have the most sanguine Hopes of a successful Issue, which Unanimity and Perseverance must certainly accomplish.

N. B. The Poll for *Wager* and *Sundon* in the Year 1741 stood on the First Day thus, 921, for the other Candidates only 400.

Nov. 24. 1724.

*To the Worthy Electors of St. Clement's Danes,
who are true Lovers of the good Laws and
Liberties of Old England.*

YOU are desired to meet this Morning at Ten o'Clock at the *Rose Tavern, Temple-Bar*, to proceed from thence to *Covent-Garden*, and poll for
SIR GEORGE VANDEPUT, Bart.

To represent you in Parliament for the City and Liberty of *Westminster* in the room of Lord *Trentham*.

It's hoped the strongest Sollicitations of great Men in Power will no way influence your Votes in Favour of any other than the above Candidate, at the present Election, but treat them with the same Regard as was lately paid to your Petition, signed by near One thousand Inhabitants of this Parish.

An Inhabitant of

St. Clement's Danes,

*St. Clement's Danes,
Nov. 25, 1749.*

And no Encourager of

French Vagabonds.

Nov. 23. 1749.

*To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.**Gentlemen,*

I AM so unfashionable as to think a faithful and able Discharge of a *past Trust*, is the best Recommendation, as well a Security for a *future*.—This Principle, you must imagine, would certainly have bias'd me in Favour of our late noble Representative, whose *juvenile Judgment*,—*Family Independence*,—and *unutterable Elocution*,—have so eminently distinguish'd him upon all Occasions, where the particular Interests of his Constituents, or general Welfare of his Country, have demanded his Assistance. But however, his *extraordinary* Virtues and Talents might have engaged me, in a late Affair, I must confess, has somewhat abated my Zeal in his Service:—for, being the other Evening at the *French Theatre*, who should I see at the Head of a Mob of foreign Valet Cooks, &c. signalizing himself, in a *laudable* Attack upon his *fellow Citizens*, but this *very young Man*, whom they had so lately made Choice of, as the *Defender* of their *Rights* and *Privileges*. I was indeed amazed to see (at so critical a Con-juncture) that Sword, which had hitherto kept peaceful Possession of its Scabbard, brandishing over the Heads, and planted at the Hearts of *several of his own Electors*; and that, in Support of a Parcel of foreign Vagabonds, who, from their being a Nuisance in their own Nation, are now come to be the Disgrace of ours—Certain I am this Fit of *gallic* Valour could never be communicated by the Touch of that Royal *British* Hand, he had but that very Morning kiss'd for his Employment. Perhaps, an impatient Desire to prove himself qualified for the *warlike* Board, to which he

he was appointed, might induce him to seize the first Opportunity of displaying his Prowess; being willing to convince the Public, that how so ever deficient the *Sea* may have been, the *Land* is, at least, able to produce a *Fighting Admiral*: However, I cannot help concluding him, a very unfit Person to defend me *against* the *French* in one House, who is ready to cut my Throat *for* them in *Another*,

I am,

Gentlemen,

Yours

An ELECTOR,

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

Query I. **W**Hether it is to be conceived, that after Lord *Trentham* has pawn'd his Honour, that he was in no Shape concerned in the Riot at the *French* Playhouse, any of the Electors can still continue to believe the vile Aspersions thrown out against him?

Query II. Whether the Person who proposed to the worthy Electors Sir *George Vandeput* for a Candidate, was not himself at the *French* Playhouse on the first Night of the Representation, and was not a Witness (as he has confess'd himself to Persons of Credit) that Lord *Trentham* was no way concerned in the Riot?

Query III. Whether a Person of immediate foreign Extraction can be reasonably supposed, by the worthy Inhabitants of *Westminster*, to be a proper Guardian of the Laws and Liberties of *England*, than the noble Lord who now offers himself for your Representative, and whom you have heretofore honoured with that Trust?

To

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

Query 1. **W**HETHER, upon your late Representative's Resignation of the Trust you had repos'd in him, he ought not to have taken the Opinion of a *general Meeting*, if thought a proper Person for your future Confidence.

2. Whether his nominating himself a Candidate without such Opinion, does not imply a sovereign Sufficiency in himself as well as Contempt of his Electors.

3. Whether, from his Behaviour, it may not fairly be infer'd; that he thinks, *the Admiral* can command, what *the Lord* formerly condescended to solicit.

4. Whether a Place is such an Ingredient in a Member of Parliament, as is likely to render him of more constitutional Service to his Country or Constituents.

5. Whether, by the suddenness of the Election, it was not intended (according to some rare political Practices) to smuggle a Member upon this City.

6. Whether, if a Representative thinks proper to vacuate his Seat without your Consent, it may not be prudent to fill it up again without *His*.

Ten Queries submitted to every Sober, Honest, and Disinterested Elector for the City and Liberty of Westminster.

Query, 1. **W**H O is Sir George Vandeput?

2. Whether every Person who voted for Lord *Trentham* at the Election, and should now reject him, and give his Vote for Sir George Vandeput, without knowing who or what the

the Person is for whom he votes, can reconcile such a Conduct to his own Understanding, without imputing some Crime to the noble Lord?

3. Whether the noble Lord's having appeared one Night at a *French* Comedy, is any Crime at all: Much less a Crime which deserves so severe a Punishment as to be rejected by this great City and Liberty; especially in favour of a Candidate very little known to the Electors, a Circumstance which must greatly aggravate the Disgrace, and which must cast some Imputation of guilt on the noble Lord's Character?

4. Whether it is not plain, from what Quarter this Opposition arises; namely, from those Enemies to the present Government, who watch every Occasion to embroil the public Peace: to sow the Seeds of Discontent and Disaffection; to inflame the Minds of the People, and to blow up the yet warm Coals of Sedition and Rebellion in this Kingdom?

5. Whether any Thing baser was ever attempted, than to misrepresent a quiet Spectator in a Playhouse, as one who joined in a Riot, drew his Sword, and assailed and wounded a naked Man?

6. Whether there are not at present, as is universally known, a great Number of Jesuits and other popish Priests scattered about this Town in various Disguises? And whether the spreading such wicked Fallhoods as these is not an Art which smells very strong of jesuitical Craft and Policy?

7. Whether it is possible to devise a greater Affront to the Understandings of the Electors of *Westminster*, than to expect that such a simple Matter as the real naked Fact is, could inflame the Minds of a sensible, a sober, and a good-natured People; and could induce them to offer so cruel an Affront to the Person and Character of a young
truly

truly English Nobleman, of the highest Quality and Fortune, and of the most unblemished Honour?

8: Whether every Man of common Honesty will not detect the Falshood contained in the fifth Query? Whether every Man of common Sense will not suspect the Fraud mentioned in the Sixth? And whether every Elector of common Spirit will not resent the Affront offered in the seventh?

9. Whether every worthy Elector who hath no particular Connection with Sir *George Vandeput*, will not give his Vote for my Lord *Trentbam*?

Last Query, Whether in that Case, the *Englishman* with the *Dutch* Name, can procure a hundred Voices in this populous City?

Plain Truths in Answer to false Aspersions contain'd in ten Queries Yesterday.

SIR *George Vandeput* is descended from an ancient and wealthy Family of the *Netherlands*, who about Two hundred Years ago were obliged to leave their Country for their steady Support of the Protestant Religion against Popery and Arbitrary Power; and at the Beginning of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, took Refuge in *England*, bringing with them a considerable Fortune.

Sir *Peter Vandeput*, Grandfather to the present Sir *George*, was Sheriff of *London* in the Reign of King *James II.* his Memory will be for ever dear to all true Lovers of Liberty, for the firm and glorious Stand he then made in Support of our Constitution against the tyrannical Schemes of a Popish and *French* Faction.

The present Sir *George* is a Gentleman who never once deviated from the Principles of his Ancestors.

As

As to the fourth Query—Ask Lord Trentham;
Who had his Foot in the Stirrup in the Year 1715.

*The Under-written is submitted to the serious
 Consideration of the Electors of Westminster.*

“ **M**OREOVER, among the *Presbyterians*,
 “ lay concealed, a certain Sett of Men,
 “ known afterwards by the Name of, *Indepen-*
 “ *dents*, who held concerning Civil, as well as
 “ Ecclesiastical Government, *uncommon Opinions*,
 “ which they took care not to explain, till they
 “ found occasion to publish them: They were
 “ contented for a Time to conceal themselves a-
 “ mong the *Presbyterians*, in order, at a proper
 “ time, to accomplish their Designs more effec-
 “ tually. It was the particular Interest of these
 “ Men so to manage, that the government of the
 “ State should be changed, or rather overthrown,
 “ well-knowing their Party could never subsist,
 “ but in Anarchy and Confusion. *Rapin, Vol. II.*
 “ fol. 352.

“ To execute their Designs, they had at first
 “ joined with the *Presbyterians*, on Pretence of
 “ establishing *Presbyterianism*; but in reality to de-
 “ stroy their King. And when it was out of the
 “ King's Power to hurt them, they laboured to
 “ destroy the same *Presbyterianism*; for the Estab-
 “ lishment of which, they had shewn more Zeal
 “ than the *Presbyterians* themselves. *Such were*
 “ *the Views of the Independents.* *Rapin, Vol. II.*
 “ fol. 546.”

Gentlemen,

THE above Quotations from an Author great-
 ly esteem'd for his Disinterestedness and Impar-
 tiality, sufficiently prove, that the Principles of the
 D *Independents,*

Independents, have ever tended to introduce Anarchy and Confusion, and that to accomplish those Purposes, they have never scrupled to fall in with any Faction or Party, whose Assistance was necessary to perfect their Designs; and though the *Independents* of those Days might in some inessential Matters vary from those of the present stamp, yet, upon Enquiry, very little Difference will be found between them.

You will therefore, I hope, now at this critical Conjunction, e'er it be too late, exert yourselves so as to quash the present growing spirit of *Jacobitism* and *Independency*, and thereby save, these Kingdoms, from those great and worst scourges of providence, — *Popery*, the *Inquisition*, and *Arbitrary Power*.

The following Letters being found near the Piazza's Covent-garden, are thought worthy the Perusal of the Independent Electors of Westminster.

Grosvenor-Street, Nov. 26, 1749.

Most worthy Sir,

THE Remembrance of the Services you have done your Country on all Occasions, is still fresh in the Minds of every unfeigned Lover of his Country; your Appearance in this noble and generous Cause, will damp the daring Attempts that are now made use of, to destroy the Liberties of the Free-born *Englishmen*: The Endeavours that I have used, to do honour to this providential Spirit that is shewn on this Occasion, has a little hurt my Health, but they shall find that my Spirit is not to be lull'd asleep by Fatigue, nor ever brought off from the Pursuit of that Example
which

which Admiral *Vernon* has always given to the Honour of *England*, and Terror of our aspiring Enemies both at home and abroad.—They call me Jacobite, and declare my Support depends on that Faction; 'tis the fallacious Epithet that they stigmatize every honest Man with, that has Courage to oppose the pernicious Schemes of those in Power.—I thank my good Fortune that carried me to that noble Assembly, when I had the Honour to be propos'd, and unanimously approved to be the Supporter of their Rights and Liberties; which all the Battery of the Treasury, Navy, nor any Consideration shall ever make me deviate from.—I hope to be honoured with your Presence about Ten o'Clock—Excuse me if I beg you will come in your Chariot to the Front of the Hustings, and come forward and give your Voice, when you will give inexpressible Joy to all true Asserters of Liberty, and be a Means of lowering the Crests of those, who from their long accustomed Proceedings, aspire to the Monopolizing all Power to themselves, to the inevitable Ruin and Destruction of their Country,

I am S I R,

Your most obliged,

and obedient humble Servant,

G. VANDEPUT.

Westminster, Nov. 26th, at Night.

S I R,

I HAVE just now the Favour of yours, and went up Yesterday with my Neighbour Mr. *Curle*, one of our Churchwardens, and one of the Overseers for this Parish, and some of our Neighbours, and polled for you from *St. Margaret's* Parish; and should any more of our Neighbours tender themselves to Poll for you, I will

accompany them, and may then attend you for a short Time on the Hustings as you desire.

And as I find you are descended from a Family that fled from Persecution, for Protection under our truly glorious *British* Queen *Elizabeth*; which Persecution brought us the Blessing of our Woollen Manufactory, I reverence the Memory of your Family.

And for the Patrons of *French* Strollers, a Nation who are now Undermining us in our Commerce, and endeavouring to deprive us of it; I heartily detest them, as I think every honest *Briton* should, that wishes for the Prosperity of his Country.

I am SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

E. VERNON.

WILLIAM DAVISON, of the Parish of St. Lawrence, in the City of London, maketh Oath, That he, this Deponent, on the Seventeenth Day of November, Instant, being the Second Night of the *French* Strollers acting at the Theatre in the Hay-Market, was at the Sign of the Globe, a Publick House, opposite the *King's Arms* Tavern in Pall-Mall, about Nine of the Clock that Night, where this Deponent saw *John Haines*, one of the Waiters at the said Tavern, and several other Persons, to the Number of Sixteen, dressed like Chairmen, each of which had a great Bludgeon in his Hand, which he put under his Coat, in order to hide the same, but in such a Manner as this Deponent was capable of seeing the said Bludgeons; and this Deponent enquiring the Occasion thereof, was informed by several Persons of Credit, at the said House, that they, and others, to the Number of Thirty, were hired by Lord *Trentham* to protect the

the *French Strollers* from any Attempt that might be made to prevent their Acting: And that the said *Haines* paid them Five Shillings each for their Trouble, by the Directions of the said Lord *Trentham*, and others. And this Deponent further saith, that the said *John Haines*, and the several other Persons, dress'd like Chairmen, as aforesaid, went into a Room together at the said House, and some Disputes arising between them and the said *Haines*, whether a List of their Names had been given to Lord *Trentham*, the said *Haines* declared, That he had wrote all their Names down, and given the same to Lord *Trentham*, who should employ them again, and bid them go about their Business for that Time,

WILLIAM DAVISON,

Sworn the 24th Day of November,
1749, at the Pulick Office, in
Symond's Inn, before me

JOHN WAPLE, *Master in Chancery*.

To ball de Electeurre fitte vor Vêsmistère.

GENTILMENS,

JOURRE Sufrage in intirés all desir

Four de honorable mi Lor *Trentam*,
Von trou Ingliese Maine.

N. B. Hy praij hall isse Friende to coume a de
Frinebe house inc de Litel *Hai Marquet*.

To the Worthy Inhabitants of Westminster.

O H! Britons, now do but contemplate right.
The Case of Justice, when subdu'd by Might:
Likewise, regard yourselves as Agents free,
In Will, and Action, born in Liberty.
When no tyrannic Power, but Justice sways
Your Royal Sceptre, in those happy Days,

With

With voluntary Acts your Rights maintain,
 Regard no private Interest, nor base Gain;
 No *Fee* in Hand, nor *empty Promise* take,
 The certain Off'rings of some Men of S—te;
 But let the Nation's Good your Vote direct,
 From which you may a greater Gain expect.
 Then scorn the base mean *Actor* on the Stage,
 Who, *Flash* like, strutted in a seeming Rage;
 Back'd with a *Mob* of *Rascals*, to assist
 The *Gallic Strollers*, both with Club and Fist;
 Against the Interest, Gentlemen, of all
 His former Voters, which I justly call
 An open Breach of Friendship, which requires
 A just Resentment; and likewise inspires
 Each honest Man of Spirit, to disdain
 An Act so hurtful, and so basely mean;
 The which your worthy Candidate would scorn,
 Sir GEORGE I mean, of loyal Parents born;
 A Man esteem'd by all, to *Britain's* Fame
 He'll add an Honour, in his very Name.
 For without *Fee*, or base intended *Fraud*,
 In *guilty Clerks*, all greatly him applaud,
 For his vast Merit only, and his Votes
 Drink him successful, at all their Resorts,
 In Bumpers hearty, do their Reck'ning pay,
 Each Man his Share, without the least Delay.
 The like to which has ne'er before been known,
 Nor like Respect unto a Member shewn.
 Therefore, I pray, consider right the Case,
 Elect your WORTHY, and reject the *Base*.

Lord TRIM TRAM for Ever!

Huzza! — Huzza! — Huzza!

ALL those of the ancient and fable Society of *Chimney-Sweepers*, and of the Order of the *Budget*, as well as the Gentlemen
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of the *Brusb*, *Horse Guards*, *Foot Guards*, and *Black Guards*, who have not voted above *Five* Times at this Election, are desired to meet to Morrow Morning at the Gully-Hole near the Admiralty Office to Breakfast, where hot Ox-Cheek, dressed *a la mode a Paris*, and a large Quantity of *Soup Meagre* will be provided for their Entertainment, after which every one of them will be treated with a Glass of *Strip me Naked*; and then they are to proceed to the Place of Polling, under the Conduct of Mr. BOSWELL, preceded by the Musick from the *French Theatre*: All those who have neither Shoes or Stockings are desired to poll without, the Time being too short to provide a sufficient Number.

N. B. It having been given out that Mr. Boswell, who was taken into Custody last Friday, is not yet discharged; This is to assure the Publick the same is calculated to prejudice his Lordship; for he declares *Upon his Honour*, it is *false, scandalous and malicious*, Mr. Boswell being bailed out; and such others as were then taken up, are still kept in a Place of Security commonly called a Round-house, adjoining to the Place of Polling, to be let loose upon the first Emergency.

If any Person happens to be taken into Custody for *Riqtous Behaviour*, Mr. Justice Trotplaid attends to prevent Commitment.

To the *Worthy Electors of Westminster, Especially my dear Friends the Honourable Independents.*

WHEREAS I G—E BRANDY-PORT, of *Batavia, Fibb Merchant*, do intend to exhibit to View, during the Election for the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, Variety of *Dutch and Flemish Drolls*, to amuse the Ignorant, and impose upon the credulous. First I shall shew the wonderful *Van Davison*, that swallows and disgorges Oaths and Lyes, with as much Ease as a *Jack Pudding* can Fire and Tow. To make him more conspicuous, I shall mount him on a *Grey Horse*, dressed up with *Italian Ribbons* and *white Roses*.

Secondly, You will be amused with the Horrors of a frightful Ghost, held up by *St. Clement* with a Mop-stick, which, for want of a proper Name in the *Dutch*, I have call'd an *Independant scare Crow*.

The Whole to conclude with a new *Jacobite Ha!* *Ha!* called,

Drawn Swords, French Strollers, and Ten Guinea SUBSCRIBERS.

Enquire for me at *Mr. Van Jaco's*, the Sign of the *Imaginary Crown* and *Broken Anchor*, in the *Strand*, and at the *Fountain of Dissention* in *Catherine Street*, where my Friends are ready to deprive you of your *Pence* and *Reason*, for which I shall return you my hearty Thanks and *Dutch Services*.

G. BRANDY-PORT.

The Speech of a noble Lord at a late general Meeting of the Fribbles and Flashes, who are Subscribers to, or Supporters of, the French Strollers.

DE M M E ! Gentlemen, what do you mean ? — Why do you *permet* your Spirits to be so much *abbateau* ? — 'Disblood ! Do you think these *Jambesfouttres* of Tradesmen, Shopkeepers, Tories and Jacobites, can defeat us at the Election ! — True, they have got the Mob of their Side, but have not we the Army ? Aye, and all the Half-pay Gentlemen too, who, you know, are now *sujet au discipline militaire*. — Then as to voting, have not we all the *sangsible* Men *de notre boté* ? — I mean, all they that are wise enough to prefer their own Interest to every other *Considerations*. — But suppose they should out-number us in legal Votes, have we not several Resources ?

Notwithstanding their Majority, we may get the High-Bailiff to return our Candidate ; and if he should be as great a Fool as the rest, and refuse a good Pension, Post, or Sum of ready Rhino, from the — —, our Candidate may petition ; and it is not the first Time our Court Friends have voted *Seven* a greater Number than *Seventy*. — If they should be a little squeamish, which we know, seldom happens, as we all have the Bruisers, Bullies, Pimps, Pickpockets and Sharpers, all of our Side, we can raise a Riot *quand il nous plaira*, and that of Course will make a void Election, besides the Pleasure of *Penlezing* some of our Adversaries. But why should I talk of legal Votes ? — What have we to do with Legal ? — The Laws were made for the Vulgar ; — They were not designed as a Restraint on Men of Figure

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and Fortune. — We may secure a Majority by sending our Footmen ; and if that should not be sufficient, the Horse and Foot Guards, to poll for us. — Strip them of their Liveries, and dress them in our cast-off Suits, they will make a better Figure than most Tradesmen, and may, at the Poll, pass for substantial Housekeepers.

Morbleu, the Impudence of these *Bourgeois* ! to set themselves in Opposition to a Number of Men of Quality and Distinction ! — *La France pour moy*, where a *Bourgeois*, or Country Booby, trembles at the Sight of any of the *Noblesse*. — But, Gentlemen, if you'll join with me, we shall soon make these Scoundrels repent their *Temerité*. — I know that most of you have too polite a Taste to employ any of the bungling Tradesmen, or saucy Shopkeepers of this Country. — *Da ma part*, I have never employed any of them since I returned from my *Tour d'Europe* ; and never shall again, unless it be to ruin them ; for as they cannot arrest me, I will take Care never to pay them, or not till the Interest has *engloutied* more than the Profits they can make by the Job ; and even then they shall allow a *Shilling* or *two* in the *Pound* to *La Fleur* my *French Valet*, before he pays them the Money. — I must therefore conclude with moving, that no one shall ever hereafter be admitted to any of our Routs, Drums, or Assemblies, if he has any one Thing of *English Manœuvre* about him, unless he can prove that the Tradesman he employed was ruined by trusting to his Honour.

Agreed to, *Nemine Contradicente*.

A Letter to the Electors of Westminster.

Gentlemen,

AN Advertisement being handed about, subscribed with the Name of a noble Lord, no doubt maliciously intending to impose on the worthy Inhabitants, and prejudice him in their Favour at this Time, I thought it incumbent on me, as a Lover of Truth, to submit the following Remarks on that Piece.—Is it to be supposed that noble Person, so remarkable for his *shining Abilities*, as well as *hereditary Honour*, would have suffered Nonsense and Quibble to flow from his Pen? would he, when charged with being active at the *French Theatre*, have thought it a sufficient Justification to plead his not being *particularly in the Pit or Gallery, just at such a particular Time*?—Would he, when accused of being aiding in an Attack upon his Fellow Citizens, have foolishly imagined that denying his Presence in a *first or chief Disturbance*, acquitted him of *All*.—No, I am persuaded his Lordship would have proved himself an *Englishman*, by shewing that he was so far from abetting such foreign Vagabonds, that his utmost Endeavours were exerted in *discouraging their Subscriptions, opposing their Licence, and disapproving their Performance*. Such doubtless would have been his Lordship's Defence to the Public, had he thought it necessary to make one.

Indeed it is alledged, that many of his own Constituents were Witnesses of his Heroism on this Occasion, but may they not be subject to a *personal Mistake*? ———It is no uncommon Case for the Member of a Borough to be the *greatest Stranger* in it, and indeed I do not remember to have seen or heard any Thing material of this noble Lord till

this heroic Adventure, since his last Election. Upon the whole, I think it is manifest this Advertisement was maliciously levelled at the *Head* and *Heart* of our noble Candidate, in order to make his Electors believe, neither of them are properly qualified for their Service.

I am, Gentlemen, Yours, An Elector.

To the van ELECTORS van Westminster.

Mynbeers,

YOUR Companyck is desyr'd to Day to eat van Pickel Herring, at de Sign van *Amboyna*, and to gif your Vote for Mynheer *Vandergut*, against de *Engelisch* Start, in *Common Garden*.

Ilk shall standen by you in de van Parlement, as his Countrymen did in de *Flandres*.

No Engelisch—Holland for ever.

At the White Rose, the Corner of Pope's-Head Alley, this Day will be perform'd,

A new, diverting, tragi-comical Farce, call'd,
The FUNERAL of Mother INDEPENDENCY.

Chief Mourner Mr. J——S.

And all the other Parts to the best Advantage.

Giving an Account how she was reduced to a starving Condition, by supporting and sheltering *Papists* and *Jacobites*; and at last. when she was brought so low that she could serve them no longer, how she was murdered by her ungrateful Sons, the Independent Electors of *Westminster*.

To begin precisely at Three o'Clock.

Vivat Rex.

N. B. *Rose-Dancing afterwards.*

Whereas

WHEREAS there has been handed about a pretended Affidavit of one *William Davison*, I do hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Guineas to any Person or Persons who will produce the Original Affidavit (if any such has been made) and the said *William Davison*.

TRENTHAM.

Grosvenor-Street, No-
vember 26, 1749.

Middlesex, JOHN HAINES of the Parish to wit, *St. James's Westminster*, maketh Oath and saith, that he, this Deponent never had any Conversation directly or indirectly with Lord *Trentbam* relating to the *French Players*, nor did the said Lord *Trentbam* dine at the *King's-Arms* in *Pall-Mall* on the Seventeenth Day of November Instant, nor did this Deponent see the said Lord *Trentbam* on that Day, nor for several Days before, to the best of this Deponent's Remembrance and Belief. And this Deponent further saith, that he never made use of the said Lord *Trentbam's* Name in any Conversation at the *Globe Alehouse* in *Pall-Mall*, on the said Seventeenth Day of November Instant, neither to *William Davison*, nor any one else; and, to the best of this Deponent's Belief and Recollection, he did not speak to the said *Davison*, but is perfectly sure Lord *Trentbam's* Name was never mentioned. And this Deponent further saith, that the said Lord *Trentbam*, as this Deponent is well assured, was not in the least privy to this Deponent's going to the little Theatre in the *Hay-Market* on the said Seventeenth of November, with several Persons, as mentioned in the Affidavit, or pretended Affidavit, of *William Davison*, nor had

had the said Lord *Trentbam* any Knowledge thereof, or Concern therein. And this Deponent further says, that every Word concerning the said Lord *Trentbam* contained in the said Affidavit, or pretended Affidavit, of the said *Davison* is false, scandalous and malicious.

John Haines.

Sworn the 26th Day of November, 1749, before me,
H. FIELDING.

To the worthy Electors of *Westminster*.

Gentlemen,

OUT of the Abundance of the Heart, the Mouth speaketh; and I could not rest in my Grave without communicating to you the enclosed Acrostic, and (as *Hamlet* says) you may take the Ghost's Word for a Thousand Pounds.

Yours in the Spirit

Bos. Penlez.

St. Clement's Church-Yard, November 28, 1749.

N. B. 78 Voters in *Scotland-Yard*. Query if to be allowed?

G R O A N S.

Of some present Proceedings before the House of the Lord.

*T*ruant to thy promis'd Trust;
*R*ebel daring where thou durst;
*E*ager to promote French Strollers,
*N*one but Poltroons are thy Pollers:
*T*ribes of Nose-led Clerks, and Placemen,
*H*ackney Voters (Bribes disgrace Men)
*A*ll forswear thro thick and thin,
*M*eaneffs theirs, but thine the Sin.

St. Clement's Church-Yard, Nov. 28, 1749.

Bos. Penlez.

GREAT

GREAT Numbers of People from the Parishes of *St. John's* and *St. Margaret's*, paying no more than Four Pounds a Year Rent, have been admitted to Poll at this Election.

Surely the Inhabitants of other Parishes have an equal Right to Poll for Sir *GEORGE* as those for Lord *Trentham*.

Aux Electeurs tres Dignes de Westminster.

Messieurs,

VOS Suffrages et Interests sont desirés pour le tres Hon. mi Lord T——m, un *VERITABLE Anglois*.

N. B. Los prie ses Amis de ses rendre l'Hotel *François* dans le Marche au Foin.

To my Lord T——m.

THE K—— of *France* (my most glorious Monarch) being touch'd with a lively Sense of the Obligations he owes your Lordship, for the powerful Protection you have given to his Subjects in *England*, honours you with his Thanks, and commands me to assure you, that your Lordship shall be *Chief Manager* of his *Playhouse* in *England*, as soon as your Lordship and your Friends, have brought those insolent Rascals, the *English*, under his Dominion, being satisfied the Measures your Lordship and Friends now pursue, can't fail of your desired Success. I have the Honour to be

*Your Lordship's most obliged
bumble Servant,*

M——.

N. B. Translated from the Original *French*.

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Vanderporten for Ever.

BRYAN RAPAWAY maketh Oath, that upon all the Days when the *French Stranglers* play'd, he saw Lord *Trentrum* with a Blunderbus in his Pocket, and says that he saw the said Lord *Trentrum* either in the Pit or Gallery, but which it was he cannot say as yet; and says that he was told by one *John Johnson*, that Lord *Trentrum* declared upon the *Monday*, that he had been the *Tuesday* following at the *French Playhouse*, and there had eat some *Soup Meagre* with the *French Stranglers*, and says that he saw Lord *Trentrum* throw a large Dish of the said *Soup Meagre* in the Face of one *Thomas Vandergut*, an *Englishman*, and a great Lover of the Laws and Liberties of his Country; and says that he is credibly inform'd, and verily believes, that the said Lord *Trentrum* has sent over to the King of *France* for a Party of *Swiss Guards* to protect the *French Stranglers*; and farther says that he was last *Sunday* at the *French Ambassador's Chappel*, and there saw Lord *Trentrum* at Mash in Company with three or four of the *French Stranglers*; and farther says, that he intends to swear something else To-morrow, but cannot as yet, being very hoarse by hallowing for *Vanderporte* at the ensuing Lektion.

BRYAN RAPAWAY.

*Sworn at the Fleet,
Before me*

PAUL BLACKHEAD

N. B. If any Person can devise any scandalous Lie against my Lord *Trentbam*, he may meet with Encouragement by applying to the *Independens Electors*

Electors at the Sign of the Fox and Goose, in the Strand.

Note. Swearing will be insisted on.

It is expected that my Lord *Trentbam's* Friends should behave themselves very quietly at the Election; but the Mob on the other Side are desired to be as riotous and disorderly as they can.

N. B. Our Friends the *Jacobites* are desired for this once to swallow the Health of King *GEORGE*, if possible; since they will make full Amends for Voting on the Right Side.

*To the Worthy Electors of WESTMINSTER,
who are in the Interest of*

Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT.

GENTLEMEN,

YOU are invited, on the Days of Polling, during the whole Election, to meet some particular Friends of Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT, at the *Cross-Keys and Rummer Tavern in Henrietta-Street, Covent-Garden*, to drink a Bumper to the following Health, and then to proceed immediately to Poll;

‘ Health and Happiness to his Majesty King
‘ *GEORGE*, his Royal Highness the Prince of
‘ *WALES*, and to all the Royal Family,—wish-
‘ ing Success to Sir *GEORGE VANDEPUT* and his
‘ present Election.’

By Order of the Committee.

N. B. Several Constables (the most proper, if not the only Guard that ought to be procured upon this Occasion) have voluntarily offered to defend the Electors from all outrageous Insults.

To the Worthy ELECTORS of WESTMINSTER.

A True Copy of a Letter sent to an Inhabitant of *Covent-Garden*, who thought Himself at Liberty, (though a Tenant to the Duke of *Bedford*) to *Vote*, according to *His Own Conscience*; which having done, received the Following, *viz.*

“ **I** Hereby give you Notice, that you are to
 “ quit the House you Rent of his Grace the
 “ Duke of *Bedford*, situate in *Bedford-Street*, in
 “ the Parish of *St. Paul, Covent-Garden*, at *Lady-*
 “ *Day* next, or to pay his Grace Seventy-two
 “ Pounds a Year for the same, from that Time”.

Dated *Nov. 29, 1749.*

Rt. BUTCHER,

To Mr. Matthew Creighton.

Steward to his Grace.

Note, I acknowledge to have receiv'd the above Letter by the Hands of Mr. *BEUDA*, one of His Grace's Stewards, and accept the Notice therein. The Rent I at present Pay is Thirty-six Pounds per Annum. I voted for, and to my utmost have served Sir **GEORGE VANDEPUT**. Who wou'd Not? ††† No Rent due to His Grace.

MATTHEW CREYGHTON,

An Insulted ELECTOR of Westminster.

QUERIES addressed to the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

QUERY I. **W**Hether the Assertion that Lord *Trentbam* headed the Riot, and the Affidavit, that he hired the Mob for the French Players,

Players, have not been, or may not be, prov'd, the one to be *False*, and the other *Forg'd*, upon as full Evidence as ever sent a Criminal in a Court of Justice to the Pillory or the Gallows?

II. Whether such *Falshoods* and *Forgeries* are not Arts too infamous for a *wise* Man to *direct*, an *honest* Man to *avow*, or an *Englishman* to *practise*?

III. Whether such *Affidavit Mongers*, after Conviction, do not *insult* your *Understanding*, by continuing to *court* your *Favour*?

IV. Whether any Objection now lies against Lord *Trentbam's* being your Representative, excepting that of his being appointed a Lord of the Admiralty?

V. Whether in this Nation, the Business of the House of Commons can be done, unless the Lords of the Admiralty sit in that House to assist and inform it in all Inquiries relating to the Operations, Oeconomy, and Government of the Fleet?

VI. Whether the most limited Place Bill brought into Parliament, ever attempted to disqualify the Lords of the Admiralty from being re-elected into the House of Commons?

VII. Will you then, be persuaded to *do* what the Violence and Virulence, far less the Zeal and Wisdom, of former Oppositions, never attempted?

VIII. If Lord *Trentbam* should succeed in his Election, do his Circumstances in Life lay him under any Temptation of betraying a Country in which he has so large a Property, or of being ungrateful to Constituents who have laid him under so great Obligations?

A PLAIN ANSWER to the most material of
the Queries last published in Favour of Lord
Trentham.

WHAT may be prov'd is not easy to be known: But a tolerable Guess may be made, from what has been already published in Lord *Trentham's* Favour.

And First, his own Answer, as to the Accusation of his Heading the Riot in the Playhouse, is notoriously evasive; and though he has been told so over and over again he has neither mended his own Defence, nor brought one Person to vouch the Truth of it.

As to *Haines's* Affidavit, it must be observed, That *Davison* has sworn to his being told, by several Persons of Credit, that Lord *Trentham* had hired a Mob, &c.——And whether they did tell him so or not *Haines* cannot possibly know——And yet an hard-mouth'd —— can boldly swear Point Blank, That every word contained in *Davison's* Affidavit, concerning Lord *Trentham*, is false, scandalous, and malicious.

After this what Credit can be given to any Thing he swears? Or who stands clearest from the Charge of Perjury?—The Man who hired a Mob to support *French* Strollers, is fit to swear for those who employed him.

After all, if Lord *Trentham* is really innocent of this last Charge, why does he not clear himself? Why does he not make an Affidavit of his Innocence? No Man knows the Bottom of this Affair so well as he; and therefore no man is so proper to clear it up. This he has not done. Not One Word of his own IS offered in his Justification: And will not the impartial World conclude, That he has not One Word to offer?

Whereas

WHereas there has appeared in the publick Papers, an Advertisement on *Tuesday*, Nov. 28, that *John Haines* did not see Lord *Trentham* on the first and second Day of the *French Strollers* performing: The publick are desir'd to take Notice, That this *John Haines* is a Waiter at the *King's Arms* Tavern in *Pall-mall*; and that a creditable *House-keeper* is ready to assert upon Oath, that the said *John Haines* attended Lord *Trentham* and several others, at the said *King's Arms*, on one of the Days that the *FRENCH VAGRANTS* perform'd at the little Theatre in the *Hay-Market*; and that the said *John Haines* has acknowledged to several creditable *House-keepers*, that he had received and paid a considerable Sum to a Parcel of Chairmen, &c. to protect the said Vagrants, during the Time of their Performance.—That the said *John Haines* accordingly paid the said Chairmen, &c. Five Shillings each; and at the same Time told them to be ready, for that he had Money in his Hands to pay for the next Night's Performances.—The Publick are also desir'd to take Notice, that the said *John Haines* says, he has received Five Guineas as a Reward for his particular Services on that Occasion.—And whereas several People (surpriz'd at the Inconsistency of *Davison's* and *Haines's* Depositions) desirous of knowing the Truth, went on *Monday* the 27th Instant, to the said *Haines*, in order to be fully satisfied whether he the said *Haines* had made such a Deposition or not; at which Time he confess'd that the major Part of *Davison's* Affidavit was true, except his mentioning *Trentham's* Name, or his wearing a Chairman's Coat.

Davison bought two of the Bludgeons that had been employ'd in that Night's Service.

N. B.

N. B. It is a little extraordinary, that the Noble Lord should offer a Reward of 50*l.* to produce *Davison*, when his Lordship's Muster-master *Haines*, well knows where to find him, and might have produced both the Affidavit and *Davison*, if he had thought fit so to do, without the Reward of 50*l.*

R E A S O N S

For Voting for Lord *Trentham*.

I. Because he is a Young Nobleman of great Family and Fortune, of unblemish'd Honour, and a known Friend to our present happy Constitution.

II. Because every honest Man ought to detest a Cause which hath been supported by the rankest Falshoods and Perjuries.

III. Because no Man can give any Reason for voting for Sir *G. Vandeput*, which is not founded on those Falshoods and Perjuries,

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

Gentlemen,

I Am a Voter for *Westminster*, and should be glad to give my Vote for the worthiest Candidate, but I must be greatly determin'd in my Choice by having an Answer to the two following *Queries*, stated upon a plain Fact.

The Church of every Parish is undoubtedly, by Law, committed to the Care of the Church-Warden for the Time being. Every Intrusion upon his Office is certainly illegal, and every Violence offer'd to Personal Liberty ought to be resented with Indignation by every Man who wears the Name of an *Englishman*. My Questions therefore are ;

Whether

Whether a Set of Justices openly in the Interest of Sir *George Vandeput*, did not on the 29th Day of this Instant, intrude themselves in the Vestry-room of *Covent-Garden Church*, and upon the Church-Warden enquiring by what Authority they sat there, did not one of those Champions for Liberty actually commit the Church-Warden, and threaten to send him to Newgate?

What is to be expected from the future Conduct of a Party who, in their supposed Dawn of Success, can thus arbitrarily trample upon the most sacred Fences of the Protestant Establishment, and the most undoubted Privileges of *Englishmen*?

Friday, December 1, 1749.

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

Gentlemen,

NOTwithstanding the low Arts, the riotous Behaviour, and the disguised Practices of the Enemies of Lord *Trentham*, You have exerted this Day the true *British Spirit*, which, though sometimes slow, is always sure, and fix'd to the Protestant Establishment in his Majesty's Person and Family. The Cloak of Independency so long worn by those, who have now behaved with the greatest Indecency and Virulence against Lord *Trentham*, is, by covering Papists and Jacobites, now worn so thin, that they have thought fit to throw it aside; but I hope *We*, who are the *Real Friends of Protestant Liberty*, shall never be juggled out of our Senses, by the stale Pretexts of Men who court your Favour by the most infamous detected Falshoods.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Humble Servant,

A Brother ELECTOR.

N. B.

N. B. *Upon this Day's Poll there was a Majority of 80 for Lord Trentham, and a Continuance of the same noble Spirit will certainly decide the Poll in his Lordship's Favour.*

Whoever employs another to commit a criminal Act (the Event whereof is Murder) ought to consider, if Murder should ensue, whether he would be exempt from the Gallows, or the Block, either by Law or Justice, even if he was a Duke.

AN ACROSTICK.

Voice unbrib'd a free-born Voice
 Always fix'd *Old England's* Choice;
 Now the Case is alter'd quite,
 DREAD perverts the People's Right:
 Every petty Fool dependant
 Polls for Bread, in Hopes to mend on't.
 Unite; disband your *Strolling Lord*,
 Then give his perjur'd Friends a CORD.

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

Gentlemen, Your Votes and Interest are desired for

Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT, Bart.

A true Lover of the Laws and Liberties of *England*.

1st Query. **D**O you think it your Interest to chuse for one of your Representatives a Person who openly and avowedly appeared active in supporting the *French* Strollers in the *Hay-Market*, and that for two successive Nights?

2d Qu. Whether he had not discharged part of his Duty to the *Honour and Satisfaction* of his Electors,

tors, had he used what Interest he had in *discoun-
tenancing* them?

3d *Qu.* Should ye chuse *such* a one, what further Insult on your *Rights* and *Privileges* are ye next to expect?

4th *Qu.* If a worthy *English* Gentleman should offer himself a Candidate, would ye decently exert yourselves in his Behalf?

5th *Qu.* Whether the *Burgesses* of *Westminster*, who have been applied to, have *Power* to influence so large a City and Liberty as this is?

6th *Qu.* Shall I live to see ye redeem your *antient Honour*, and scorn Bribery and Corruption in every Disguise?

7th *Qu.* Whether, upon your late Representative's Resignation of the Trust you had repos'd in him, he ought not to have taken the Opinion of a *General Meeting*, if thought a proper Person for your future Confidence?

8th *Qu.* Whether his nominating himself a Candidate without such Opinion, does not imply a sovereign Sufficiency in himself as well as Contempt of his Electors.

9th *Qu.* Whether, from this Behaviour, it may not fairly be infer'd; that he thinks, *the Admiral* can *command*, what *the Lord* formerly condescended to *solicit*.

10th *Qu.* Whether a *PLACE* is such an Ingredient in a Member of Parliament, as is likely to render him of more constitutional Service to his Country or Constituents.

11th *Qu.* Whether, by the Suddenness of the Election, it was not intended (according to some late political Practices) to smuggle a Member upon this City.

12 *Qu.* Whether, if a Representative thinks proper to vacate his Seat without *Your* Consent,

it may not be prudent to fill it up again without
His.

To the unprejudiccd Electors of Westminster.

GENTLEMEN,

I CANNOT but think, that a faithful and honest Discharge of a past Trust is the best Recommendation for future Confidence: And though this Principle would certainly have sway'd me in Favour of a late Noble Representative, whose Behaviour in Parliament has, on all Occasions, been truly unexceptionable; yet has my Zeal for his Service been considerably heightened by the Necessity there is of opposing his Antagonist, and preventing, by that Means, the Progress of Jacobitism and Popery. For whatever Sir G——e's Principles might have been, before his appearing at the Head of the Independents, (or Persons independent of the Religion and Laws of their Country, if Independency, in this Case, means any thing) there is now but too much Reason to suspect him of a thorough Change: For what are the Independents, the Principles they profess, or the Motives by which they act; a small Share of Discernment will enable you to discover the too recent Behaviour of their Leaders at *Vintners-Hall*, the Earnestness with which they opposed all Subscriptions or Levies for suppressing the late Rebellion; their suspected Correspondencies, and the indecent Healths so often proposed, and so publicly drank in their Meetings and Assemblies, leave you no room to doubt these Gentlemen are the Persons, who, under the Mask of Friendship, and under Cover of great Zeal for their Country's Welfare, would artfully avail themselves of your Suffrages, and by your own precipitated

tiated Assistance, wou'd procure your own Undoing: And if these Things are so (of which let every Elector solemnly and candidly judge for himself, laying aside all personal Prejudice, or Favour,) What have we been doing? and how grossly have we imposed upon Ourselves? though if we are satisfied, that the Leaders of the Independents mean and desire to protect the Protestant Religion, and the present Establishment; if we are satisfied that they have not, nor ever had any Intention of introducing Arbitrary Power, or a Family long since expelled for Designs destructive to our Religion and Liberty; or if we are so Insensible as not to be moved with these Dangers; or when near at Hand to be convinced of their Reality, let us One and All Vote for Sir G——e; but till then, and till the Independents have convinced us that they are Friends to, and zealous Supporters of the Religion and Liberties of their Country, under the present happy Establishment; let us heartily, chearfully, and unanimously concur for his Lordship as the more proper Person to represent this great City in Parliament, notwithstanding all that Spirited Envy, or Wanton Malice have done to lessen his Character, or defame his Reputation.

I am, GENTLEMEN,

An ELECTOR, &c.

To all sincere Lovers of his Majesty King George, of their Country, their Liberty, and Sir George Vandeput.

Dec. 2.

The Query of Queries.

AS Expresses were sent Yesterday Evening, to all Placemen (not excepting M—— of P——,) out of Town, to come immediately and

vote for L— T— ; as such weighty Considerations are offered, such terrifying Letters and Messages sent to Tradesmen, to force them to vote a certain Way :— Is it not highly incumbent on the Well-Wishers of Sir *George Vandeput* (as our all is at Stake,) to rouse and exert themselves as one Man ; and to procure him, instantly, all the Votes they can, in order to crush the *Hydra* of Power, before it be too late ?

N.B. *All Sir George Vandeput's Friends are desired to meet at the Cross-Keys Tavern in Henrietta-Street, Covent-Garden.*

Notwithstanding a noble Person's Advertisement of Yesterday, 'tis well known that *Davison*, the Person who made the Affidavit about Lord T—'s hiring People to protect the *French* Strollers, appeared upon the Hustings with the Affidavit, and demanded the 50 Guineas which was refused him.

On a certain Colossal Landlord.

O Cannibal ! to double a Man's Rent,
Cause 'gainst his Conscience he won't give Assent.

Thus may thy future Acts thy Judgment show,
Till a fam'd Square a frightful Desert grow.

*On the unfortunate Bosavern Penlez ; by an honest
Electer of Westminster.*

Unfortunate Fellow he died,
Lamented by all that is good ;
No Female in *London* but cried,
Excepting the Daughters of *Wood*.

Whereas

WHEREAS, on Account of the present *Westminster* Election, several Persons have been discharged from the *Gatehouse*, *Totbill-fields*, *Bridewell*, *Fleet* and *King's-Bench Prisons*, We whose Names are under-written, being now Prisoners in his Majesty's Goal of *Newgate*, think proper to acquaint the Agents of a *noble Candidate*, that we have not yet polled *once* at this Election, and as Part of us are at present unluckily under Sentence of Transportation, and the rest have some melancholy Apprehensions of the ensuing Sessions, in order to *make a Friend at Court*, we are now ready to give our Votes for his Lordship upon *very easy Terms*, and are farther willing to make all reasonable Abatement for any *Pardon*, or *Noli Prosequi* he shall be able to obtain for us: In which we apprehend he will find no great Difficulty, as we are credibly informed several Prosecutions have been already stifled upon the same Consideration and as we can assure his Lordship, UPON OUR HONOUR, we were no way concerned with the late Mr. *Penlez* in the Demolition of the Bawdy-houses.

<i>Jemmy Twitcher,</i>	<i>Nimming Ned,</i>
<i>Crook-finger'd Jack,</i>	<i>Harry Paddington,</i>
<i>Wat Dreary,</i>	<i>Mat of the Mint,</i>
<i>Robin of Bagshot,</i>	<i>Ben Budge.</i>

Newgate, Dec. 2.

N. B. If any Objection should be made to the Legality of our Votes, Mr. *Justice Trotplaid* will attend to give us a Character, and prove our having been not only Inhabitants, but very considerable Dealers in the City and Liberties.

To

To the Electors of Westminster.

THE Poll of *Westminster* will be printed to distinguish the three Classes,

1st, *The Sons of Liberty.*

2d, *The Abject Slaves.*

3d, *The neutral Drones, that don't deserve the Liberties they won't defend.*

Vote while you may.

To the generous Electors of Westminster.

Gentlemen,

I Went yesterday to the Polling-place, in order to give my Vote for Sir *George Vandeput*, but was interrupted by a great Number of ill-looking Scoundrels; who were armed with Bludgeons, and other offensive Weapons; as I found it impossible to get to the Steps without running the Hazard of being knock'd o'th' Head, I went round to the back Door of the Church, being told Numbers of Persons were let in that Way to poll for Lord *T——m*. When I came to the Church Door, I found a certain noble Lord, who was in the Interest of Sir *George*, knocking for Admittance, but could get none, tho' several Persons were let in just before to poll for the opposite Party. This, and many more Instances of the like Kind, serves to shew the Partiality there is shewn on this Occasion.

An Elector.

Speedily the Publick will be entertained with the *Travels of Peg Trim Tram's Sir-loin of Beef*, that
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was kick'd and cuffed from House to House for a long time, without being able to get Admittance any where.

And this Day the Ghost of *Penlez* is to come and give his Vote for Sir *George Vandeput*, attended by the principal Inhabitants of *St. Clements*.

From de little Theatre in Marche au foin.

Monfieur,

TH^O I write you, I must tell you, I am not Fool, for what is Fool? in *French* it is *Unfot*, in *English* a *Sot*; now I am not Sot, therefore no Fool; but I believe you ver great one, great enough to dislike me, and de pretty Lord *T—m*. I am commanded by de Company to write you Letter, in doing which, tho', as I said above, I am not Fool, yet to confess one Secret, I am ver great Coward: For you must know here is de *Skeleton of Common Sense*, which de *Beaux* kill de Night de draw de *Sword* on de Stage, and I am in develish Sweat—If you have ever see my Friend and Acquaintance *Monfieur Laluze* act the *Pierrot* in de *Harlequin Skeleton*, you may have some Thought of my Situation.—Stop one Moment—ah! now 'tis well, I have shut him up, and so now I think no more of it.—To begin den—first I speak of myself, which perhaps you may not think agreeable to the *French Poletesse*; but if it is ill Manners I learn it in *England*.—Pray *Monfieur la Fool* what is de Objection you have to me,——don't you like de *French Comedie*?—I have hear say from *Monfieur De Voltaire* in de Green Room in *Paris*, dat is much better than your *English Play*;——for, says he, shaking his Head wit ver much Thought, De *French Comedie*——ah! 'tis ver much Sense,——it has de *Bienfiance*,——it is writ up to de Rule——never but
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one Character at a time,——not like de *English* full of a great many at a Time, on purpose to make Laugh, with great deal of Nonsense, which one ***** a meer Buffoon, and not serious Man like me, would call Variety of Humour.——G——d D——n de *Skeleton*——what you stare?——ah ! it is not stir——it is the Business I am to do make me frighten —— to go on—— Can you answer Mr. *De Voltaire* ? No, no, besides you scold, you fight on de Stage, you *Draw de Sword on de Stage*, which we do not do in *France*, upon my Honour : And let me tell you, de *French* Player have more Honour in his little Finger dan de *English* Lord, and if he give his Honour you may believe him. Are we not better Actor than you have ? Sans doute, it is plain ; for what is dat big Man, Mr. *Guin* I think de call ? it is like mad Bull, ball and roar, and make Noise, a *gross Milord Anglois*. And dat other Man, Mr. *Garlick*, what is it but hop-my-thumb, a little Flash, and noting else ; and as for *Barry*, de *Frenchman* always like here better dan de *Irish*. What de Devil, you come again, I shake all over, G——d d——n it for *Common Sense*, I tink no more of it ; well, Monsieur, I tink it is plain I am best Actor ; and if I get Money, and grow fat among you, I pay you for it with your own Coin, so dat I am sure you must like me ; and if you like me, you like Lord T——m for defend me. And let me tell you Milord T——m 'tis ver pretty Gentleman ; 'tis true he not speak de *French* ver well, but he speak it better dan *English*, which is fine to see in young Man, and good Accomplishment for Member of Parliament. I am sure it would be so in *France*, and what is your *English* Parliament more ? It does no more, it gives de K——g, or de Two Brothers, 'tis all the same, their own Way, as much as de do in *Paris* ; besides, now

I have removed all Prejudice against me, he is Sub-
f——r for me, and ver good Friend in the *Disturb-
ance*. I not say he draw de Sword in de Parteru or
in de Gallerie, but it would do you Heart good,
upon my Honour, to see him on de Stage in de *First
and Chief Disturbance*, how he stand in threatening
Posture! Sa, Sa, says he, and Sa, Sa, and den push,
and den to de Tradesman, What you meddle in
Plays? Bourgeoise Gentilhomme! Sa, Sa, den make
Lunge, and drive all before. Encore, he never be
present since dat Night, for what is present? let us
talk Sense, it is to be in de loge, and, *upon my Ho-
nour*, he was only in de Green Room to say des
Belles chous to de Ladies, who are all ver fond of
him, he's so much Lady *himself*. Now, Monsieur,
I insist you must let him sit in de P——t, and if
you don't 'tis use me ill. I remember when I was
in de Camp vit M——l S——e, you *English* was ver
civil den, not *disturb him nor me*, and why should
you do it now? I wish you had begin before de
Hostage come bome, he would be in de *Bastile* for
dis; and I can tell you, if you not behave better,
de War break out again, and de *grand Monarche*
make you love me, and Milord T——m. O de
Devil, here 'tis again. De Skeleton: It pull my
Hair: No, 'tis only Louse. O! morbleau! here,
here, Milord, Milord, under my Legs, come *draw
your Sword*, no-body see, *we say upon our Honour*
you did not. Ah! 'tis gone again! it say I am not
worth his While; but I am so fear I can write no
more, only just to say, Milord give Gallerie Ticket
to all des Two S——g Voters, and I am in great
Haste to run away,

Monsieur,

Votre tus bumble Servan,

JOAN SOU MIGRÉA.

LE Public est averti que les Comdiens Francois donneront telache au Theatre, jusqu'à que l'Election du Membre du Parlement pour *Westminster*, soit finie ; leur Principal étant entierment occupez & Interesse dans cette affaire.

An EPIGRAM, occasioned by the above.

The Messieurs so clapp'd, are forc'd to lay down,
And who, pray, shall pay all their Bills, Sir ?
Lord T——— cannot, he's enough of his own,
For he's forc'd to take damn'd bitter Pills, Sir.

Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT for Ever !

A . C H O R U S .

To the Tune of God save our Noble King, &c.

To Sir George, fill the Bowl,

To Him, a gallant Soul,

We'll give our Voice :

He'll not *French Strollers* head,

Nor coax the Men in Red :

But on *Corruption* tread :

He is our Choice.

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

THE Artifices and Appearances made, in Favour of Lord *Trentham's* Enemies, by avowed *Papists* and *Jacobites*, make it now evident that *Popery* and *Jacobitism* are more than Sounds ; and that there is no Connection so unnatural which they will not court, in order to distress His Majesty's Government. But the Mist which their Arts had rais'd has been lately dispell'd, and every Man of Sense can now see the *Dutch Flag* inscrib'd with *English* Nonsense. Another noble Effort of public Spirit will strike it ; and then, let every true *Englishman*

glifhman And his Affiftance in rearing the *British* Standard, and regard no Colours but thofe of *England*, whoſe Intereſt Lord *Trentbam* is determin'd, in all Events, and in all Stations, never to abandon.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant

A Brother ELECTOR.

The ELECTOR's OATH,

Appointed to be taken by an Act of the 2d of GEORGE II.

I Do Swear I have not received, or had by myſelf or any Perſon whatſoever in Truſt for me, or for my Uſe and Benefit, directly or indirectly, any Sum or Sums of Money, Office, Place or Employment, Gift or Reward, or any Promise or Security for any Money, Office, Employment or Gift, in order to give my Vote at this Election; and that I have not before been polled at this Election.

By the ſame Statute it is enacted, any Elector forſwearing himſelf, ſhall incur and ſuffer the Pains and Penalties which by Law are enacted or inflicted in Caſes of wilful and corrupt Perjury, which by the Act of the 5th of *Elizabeth*, are

To forfeit 20*l.* and to ſuffer half a Year's Imprifonment, and to have his Ears to the Pillory.

And by the 2d of *George* II. It is Transportation for ſeven Years, beſides the Punifhment inflicted by the former Statutes.

Published by Order of Sir George Vandeput, Bart.

That no Man may plead Ignorance, nor be unwarily ſeduced to offend againſt the Laws of God and his Country; and as *Sir George* depends wholly on the free and honeſt Votes of the worthy Legal

Electors of this City and Liberty; so he declares, that when a Scrutiny shall be made, and the Villany can no longer be concealed, he will prosecute, to the utmost Extremity of the Law, all such as shall appear Guilty of that most pernicious and most detestable Sin of wilful and Perjury.

GEORGE VANDEPUT.

Subordination of Perjury by the 5th of *Elizabeth* is 40*l.* or Pillory.

Monday Dec. the 4th, 1749.

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster
Gentlemen,

I Have the farther Pleasure to inform you that thro' your noble Perseverance in the Cause I appear for, That of *Liberty* and the *Protestant Establishment* in his Majesty's Person and Government, that the Poll this Day has run to a large Majority for me.

A very short Continuance of the noble Spirit you have hitherto exerted, will, I hope, determine the Poll in my Favour, and nothing in my Power shall be wanting to convince you, and the Public, that I shall make no other Distinction in Parties than between the *Friends* and *Enemies* of *Great Britain*. I therefore beg that you will now, if possible, more than ever, early and earnestly appear in my Interest, as I have no higher Ambition, than by my Conduct in Parliament to approve myself the Friend and Servant of my Country.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

TRENTHAM.

A new SONG concerning the Westminster Election.

I.

THO' *Trentham's* exalted to be a fine Lord,
To sign great Commissions, and brandish a
Sword,

To oppose his own Country, and screen open Foes,
The Truth of all this the whole Town it knows.

Derry down, &c.

II.

Our Natives are starving, which Nature has made,
The brightest of Wits, and to Comedy bred;

Whilst Apes are caress'd, which God made by
Chance,

The worst of all Mortals, the *Strollers* from *France*.

Derry down, &c.

III.

We hear an Election soon will ensue,

Where it's hop'd each Elector will do but his Due;

Then *Trentham* leaves off for to brandish his Sword,

Kick'd out from the *Commons* may turn to a *Lord*.

Derry down, &c.

IV.

Must we re-elect Members of turn-coat Race,

His first being elected brings us to Disgrace;

Such Boys as these we have in great Store,

We know the young Blade sprung from my Lord

Gower.

Derry down, &c.

V.

Be watchful, Electors, that Liberties prize,

Let loud Acclamations ascend to the Skies;

Let Honesty have it, without all Dispute,

Then down with all *Trenthams*, and up *Vandeput*.

Derry down, &c.

An E P I G R A M.

YOUTH L—d G—r to his Son, “ Boy, thy
“ *Frolick and Place*

“ Full dear will be paid for by us, and his G—e;
“ *Ten Thousand* twice o’er advanc’d!” *Veritable!*—
Mon Pere, cry’d the *Youth*, but the D—e you
know’s able:

Nor blame my *French Frolicks*; since all Men are
certain,

You’re doing behind, what I did ’fore the *Curtain*.
A Fisherman near the River Trent.

To the *Worthy Electors of Westminster.*

GENTLEMEN.

THE warm, yet decent, Zeal you expressed,
both by your Conduct and Behaviour, in my
Favour last Saturday, has gained me an undisputa-
ble Majority upon the Whole of the Poll, and
claims the utmost Returns of my Gratitude.

Nothing but the Sense of my own Innocency,
under many cruel, causeless Imputations, and my
being conscious, that, in whatever Situation of
Life I am placed, my whole Aim shall be to serve
the Cause of Liberty, could prevail with me, again,
in the most earnest Manner, to beg the Continuance
of that Spirit which has already done you so much
Honour, and by which alone the Protestant Esta-
blishment in his Majesty’s Person and Family can
be secur’d and supported. My future Conduct shall
vindicate my Character, and speak my Thanks to
you, I hope, in a more proper and effectual Man-
ner than any present Assurances that can come
from

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient, and

Most obliged humble Servant

TRENTAN.

To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.

GENTLEMAN,

I Have the most grateful Sense of your Favours, and I hope you'll continue to support me with your Votes and Interest, and then I doubt not we shall prevail over the Arbitrary Directions of Men in Power, and the fatal Effects of corrupt Influence.—Many honest and unbiass'd Electors have not yet polled. Glorious Opportunity for them to finish triumphantly what their Friends, the Friends of Liberty, have so worthily carried on.—For my own Part, as it is my Duty, so it is my Resolution to use all honest and laudable Endeavours to defeat their pernicious Schemes, and render your Nomination successful.—Let each Elector, who has already voted, call upon his Neighbours that have not, and the Majority of honest Voters will far exceed the Numbers that can be found corruptible.

To the Gentlemen of the Law.

WH O have not yet voted, are desired to meet at *Rathmell's Coffee-house in Henrietta-street. Covent-Garden*, this Morning, at Eleven o'Clock, to proceed in a Body to Hustings, and vote for their

*Most obedient and**Most humble Servant,*

GEORGE VANDEPUT.

*To the Worthy Electors of Westminster.**Gentlemen,*

WE have lately had an Instance of the laudable Behaviour of our worthy Merchants of the City of London to support the Credit of the Nation, at a Time when our *ALL* was at Stake.

Why should not the same Spirit subsist amongst the worthy Electors of Westminster, when your *Liberty* is in danger.

I am strongly convinced of the good Intentions of those worthy Electors in the Interest of Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT, who have now an Opportunity of returning the Favour the Merchants were so justly applauded for, in the Interest of their King and Country. Consider with yourselves how readily those Gentlemen subscribed their Names to the Support of this great Metropolis at that Time; therefore now prove yourselves to have a just Sense of Liberty and Property, and your Names will be recorded in the Annals of Time.

Yours,

A Free Voter.

To the Worthy Electors of *Westminster*,
especially the Antient Britons.

YOU are desired to meet this Day, being the 5th Instant, as early as possible, in Remembrance of Sir Watkin Williams Wynne, and to support the Antient Britons Honour and Honesty. No Bribery nor Corruption. Let's join Heart and Hand, and meet Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT this Morning as soon as possible, at the Cross-Keys, Henrietta-street, Covent-Garden, as Britons and Englishmen. *Yours,*

A BRITON,

AFTER having exhausted every Workhouse, Bridewell, and Goal in Westminster, proper Agents have been dispatched to the Fleet and King's-Bench Prisons, to induce the miserable Inhabitants to add Guilt to Wretchedness, by prostituting their Votes at the present Election; and in the Fleet publick Proclamation was made on Saturday last, That if any Prisoner would vote for a certain Candidate, upon Application to a Person there in Waiting in the House, he should be discharged, if his Debt was under fifteen Pounds.

To

*To the DISSENTERS of all Denominations,
ELECTORS for the City and Liberty of West-
minster.*

Gentlemen,

NO one wishes you better than I do, who am a zealous Subject of King *George*, a Member of the Church of *England*, and in the Interest of Sir **GEORGE VANDEPUT**: I love you, as being Friends to Liberty, on which, you are very sensible, our whole Well-Being depends. Now it is evident that our L-b-rt—s are invaded, otherwise why are such extraordinary Considerations offered, why such arbitrary Letters and Messengers sent to People in Business, to force them to v—te contrary to the pressing Dictates of Conscience? As this is the known Practice, can you yet continue unalarmed? Remember the dangerous Times of *Sacheverel*. The same Spirit which, now, so strongly invades our Privileges in general, will afterwards extinguish yours, in particular, if not timely opposed. Shew yourselves then as Men, as *Englishmen*, to whom Freedom is the dearest of all earthly Blessings; and not only the present Age, but the next, shall bless your glorious Struggle. I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most affectionate humble Servant,

A BRITON.

To such ELECTORS of the City and Liberty of Westminster, as intend not to poll on either Side.

Gentlemen,

AS it is wholly in your Power to turn the Scale greatly, in Favour of Liberty and Sir **GEORGE VANDEPUT**, will you still refuse to

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give your Voices? Reflect seriously that, should we now lose the Day, you will be the sole Cause of it. Such of you as have read the Controversy, must see, to a Demonstration, that Truth, Justice, and Reason, are with the Friends of Sir GEORGE VANDEPUT; and that the only Weapons employed by our Adversaries, are Fallacy, Calumny, and Corrup—on. Consider the dreadful Consequences, should these latter prevail; and then, each of you, laying his Hand on his Breast, let him solemnly ask himself, Whether if, at a Time when our R—hts are so glaringly struck at, he can be permitted to remain neuter? Call to Mind, that Corruption has been the Ruin of the noblest States! Reflect that NOW or NEVER: And that All who are not for us, are against us.

King GEORGE, St. GEORGE, and Sir GEORGE
For EVER.

*An earnest Address to the worthy Electors of
Westminster, who have not as yet polled, or
do not intend to poll.*

Gentlemen,

IT is Matter of mere Indifference to me (being no ways interested) which of the Candidates succeed in your Election,—Yet—when I see such gross, infamous Practices made Use of to carry a Point,—that alone would determineme how to act. Was there ever a Time that *Bribery* and *Perjury* were so barefacedly practised?—When have we ever seen before now, the N—b—ty and M— of S—, so avowedly and openly abetting them, and even by Constraint endeavouring to propagate them?—Can any Man imagine that the City of *Westminster* is concerned only in the Event? Will such daring Men as these end here?—What will they

they not drive at,—when they are successful enough to do what they please in one of the most populous and wealthiest Cities of the Kingdom?—No,—no,---Gentlemen,---Your Country is concerned.—Her Eyes are upon you.—Is this then, Gentlemen, a Time to look unconcernedly in an *Event* of the utmost Importance?—An *Event* which probably may be the *Crisis* of your Country's *Fate*.—If then you have any Regard for the Welfare of her,—if any Regard for *Yourselves* or *Families*.—any Concern for your *Civil* or *Religious Rights*,—now—is the *Time* for convincing the World that we *Dare* be *Free*, and of having the secret Satisfaction of being the glorious Means of putting a Stop to a Set of Principles and Practices, the most destructive to human Society,—by voting for

Sir *GEORGE VANDEPUT*.

A *Citizen* of *London*.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Bayes, of Covent-Garden, to his Friend at Windsor.

Dec. 5, 1749.

Dear Sir,

AS I know you are a Well-wisher to the Interest of *Lord Trentham*, I heartily congratulate you, as well as all my worthy Fellow-Citizens, on the Success of the three last Days Polls, whereby his Lordship has recovered a Majority near of 150, which had been gained on the other Side by such a Clamour, such pitiful Arts and malicious Insinuations, as were hardly ever known at any Poll for this City.—All the Blackguards, Kennel-rakers, Rag-gatherers, and Ballad-singers, had been engaged to salute those, who came to the Poll, with the loud Roar of; *No French Strollers*.

Just so the *Danger* of the *Church* was trumpeted by a Faction in the Reign of *Queen Anne*, when Thousands now living remember, that four wealthy Merchants, Candidates for the City of *London*, were for no other Reasons than their being *Whigs*, insulted by a *Jacobite Mob*, with the senseless Cry of *No French Hugonots, No Presbyterians, No Merchants*; to which they might as well have added, *No Trade, No Bread*. With the same Justice, and the same good Sense, has a Mob of the same Complexion been lately deluded and spirited up to bellow against *Peers, Courtiers, and Placemen*, though they might as well exclaim against any *Rewards for Merit*, and even against the royal Judge of it.

But they who frequent our *Plays*, as well as those who perform them, are fully convinced that the *English Theatre* was not in the least Danger; so that nothing remains for those who have not yet polled, but to consider who is the fittest Person to represent them in Parliament, Whether the Heir of a *Noble Earl*, descended from an antient and honourable *English* Family, that has one of the largest Shares of Property in the Kingdom; or a Gentleman of but a small Fortune, and of foreign Extraction, put up merely for the Sake of Opposition.

I am, Sir, Yours sincerely.

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once every Month during the present Westminster Election. By Paul Wronghead, Esq;

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1749.

Introductory Essay.

LIBERTY and FREEDOM is as *Tom Brown* well observes in his excellent *Treatise on Metaphysicks*, the Birthright of every *Englishman*; and

and this *Liberty* can be of little Use to any People without the Concomitancy of *Freedom*: And yet certain it is, that no Word is less understood, for what is *Liberty*, or indeed what is *Freedom*, where both this and that can be controul'd by Power? Is there any Man so corrupt, so bribed, so great a Friend, Patron, Protector and Champion of *French Strollers* as not to own that the Case of *Bosavern Penlez* was a Denial of all that I have here asserted. To take away the life of a Man merely because he was an Enemy to Houses of evil and bad Fame, is a Thing unknown in any Country where *French Strollers* have not been encouraged. Perhaps it will be said that he was not only a Rioter, but a Thief; to which I answer; what are the *French Strollers*? Will any Man say that those glorious Nations of *Greece* and *Rome*, even in their most degenerate Age, ever suffered *French Strollers* to come among them. It hath been a Maxim in all Countries that *Nemo omnibus Floris sapit*; but in Answer to which I beg Leave to observe, that *French Strollers* were not then the Subject Matter of Complaint. Much more might be said, but it is unnecessary, sufficient Matter having been here laid down to warrant some Conclusions which I shall draw in my next Paper, where I intend to apply all that I have here said to the present Election.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Rome, Dec. 7, N. S. Yesterday arrived here one of the Independent Electors of *Westminster*, and had in immediate Audience of his Holiness the Pope. What his Advices were is yet a Secret.

Paris, Dec. 10, N. S. A Cabinet Council was held here this Morning, the Result of which has not as yet transpired. Mean while the Friends of a certain Adventurer appear more brisk than ever.

Our

Our last Advices from *England* assure us that the young Chevalier was lately seen near *Covent-Garden*, where he drank a Health to King *George*, and to the Protestants Establishment. Actions are risen very considerably within these few Days.

Amsterdam, Dec. 9, N. S. Yesterday sailed the *Vanderporten*, of this Place, with two hundred of the *Neiberland* Independents, who intend to vote at the *Westminster* Election, as Inhabitants of *St. Martin's* and *Clement's*.

HOME AFFAIRS.

London, Dec. 4. We are credibly inform'd that Sir G. V. has not as yet given up the Election in Favour of Lord *Trentbam*; but on the contrary a Subscription is now actually opening in the Fleet to carry on the Poll.—— The following Letter to Sir G. from thence will not, we hope, be unacceptable to our Readers.

Fleet-Prison, Dec. 3, 1749.

Most Worthy Sir,

IT is with the utmost Uneasiness that we hear the *French* Strollers are like to have a Majority in *Covent-Garden*; it is our Misfortune as well as yours that the ending of the Term has put it out of our Powers to attend you in Person; but we most heartily intreat you to hold out a Day or two longer, and by that Time a Supply of Money will be sent from the Friends of Liberty in this Place. If a Scrutiny should be necessary, we may perhaps contribute a little to that too.—— So pray, most worthy Sir, hold up your Head, for the Honour of *Old England* and the *Independent Electors*.—— We are with all imaginable Respect, &c.—— P. S. Pray send us Word how your Cold does, and whether you go on huzzaing as if you had a Majority.

It

It has been remark'd by the Curious that certain Officers have maintained so intire an impartiality on one Side during the whole Election, that the Friends on the other have scarce been able to get to the Place of Poll.

We hear that on *Saturday* last, Sir G. V. had a very considerable Majority among all those Electors who might be rather said to have Voices than Votes, and it is remark'd that the worshipful Company of Black-Shoe-Boys have been unanimous on his Side at this Election.

Yesterday a large Gang of Pick-pockets in the true Interest of their Country, met according to Desire, at the *Cross Keys* and *Rummer*; whence after drinking the proper Health, they proceeded immediately to the Place of Poll: where, we are assured, they made a considerable Booty; some Part of which they have since generously subscribed towards the farther *Continuance* of the Election.

The two following authentic Stories may perhaps divert our Readers.

A Barber, who was very strongly in the Interest of Sir G. V. had a Debt due to him of three Pounds from an *Independent Elector*, which he thought dangerous, and was therefore willing to embrace the present Opportunity of getting his Money; he went to the *Independent* and told him he would not vote for Sir G. unless his Bill was paid; the *Independent* immediately apply'd for this Sum to the Fund raised for carrying on a *free and uncorrupt* Election, but the said Fund happen'd to be exhausted some Days before; upon this, neither of them has since poll'd, and we are well assured, whoever will advance three Pounds may have them both.

A Lamp-Lighter of *St. Clement's* met with a Chimney-Sweeper of *St. John's*, and ask'd him who he voted for—The Chimney-Sweeper answer'd for
Lord

Lord *Trentbam*—For my Lord *Trentbam*! says the Lamp-Lighter, why it was he that brought in the *French* Players—and they say there's a Subscription on Foot for bringing in *French* Chimney-Sweepers too.— Is there by G—d, says the Chimney-Sweeper? I have no Vote —Nor I neither, says the Lamp-Lighter.— But d—n me, we'll poll.— And so they did in Favour of Sir G—.

The following was sent us by a Correspondent.

To the Author of the Covent-Garden Journal.

Sir,

Notwithstanding all that Lord *Trentbam* has declared relating to his Lordship's Behaviour at the *French* Playhouse, I think myself obliged to communicate, by the Means of your Paper, what I know of that Affair. His Lordship was actually there the first Night, notwithstanding he declares upon his Honour that he did **not** draw his Sword.—Now for a Nobleman to draw his Sword in the Defence of a Parcel of *French* Strollers, is a Thing I believe that no *Englishman* will approve of.—Or if his Lordship did not draw his Sword, it does not follow that my Lord did right to draw it; for to draw his Sword upon his own Electors, whether he did or not, ought to be resented.—This is really the Fact, and if you will give it a Place in your Paper, you will oblige

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This

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Water at the *Cross-Keys*.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T.

TH E Friends of Sir *G. Vandeput* are desired
to meet as usual this Day, if the Houses are
not shut up; when they may drink what Health
they please—*Glorious Opportunity!*

N. B. Any *Independent Elector* who is willing
to encourage this Paper may advertise in it *Gratis*.

To the worthy Electors of Westminster.

IT seems by some late Papers and Advertise-
ments that the chusing of a certain Lord your
Representative in Parliament is the only firm Estab-
lishment of the Liberties of this Country, and the
protestant Succession. Undoubtedly those who are
introducing *French Strollers* are real *Englishmen* and
true Friends of their native Country; those who
send terrifying Letters and Messages to honest
Tradesmen, with Lists of the Persons by whom
they are employed, menacing the Loss of their
Custom. Those who threaten to turn the worthy
Electors naked into the Street, or compel them to
pay double Rent, if they presume to vote according
to their Conscience: Such Men are Friends to Li-
berty. Those who have raked up all the Papists in
the City of *Westminster*, and polled till they were
stopped by the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy:
Such Men are Friends to the Protestant Religion.
Those who had a Foot in the Stirrup in 1715, and
have ever since been opposing the Persons of his
late and present Majesty with the utmost Bitterness,
Rancour and Malevolence till they were bought
off by Places to repair their shattered Fortunes
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which they had spent in supporting the Cause of the Pretender : Such Men are sincere Friends to his Majesty and the protestant Succession.

For these Friends of their Country, of Liberty, of the Protestant Religion, of His Majesty King George, and the protestant Succession, you are desired, Gentlemen, to continue the noble Spirit you have hitherto exerted.

The Election Daily Advertiser.

THURSDAY, December 7, 1749.

WHereas, many People pawn their Virtue, Honour, and Integrity, (particularly at this Time) and are not able to redeem the same ; such persons are hereby inform'd, that on enquiring for P——l W———d, Esq; on Ludgate-Hill, they may have them redeem'd. Any of the above Goods are bought, and money lent on Promises, Affidavits, &c. near the full Value, for a certain Time agreed on. Removed from the condemn'd Hole in Newgate.

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D R O P P 'D,

From a Gentleman's——Tongue, certain disrespectful Words in regard to a certain Bart. of great Merit, Beauty and Fortune. Whoever will bring the Original Proprietor of the said Words to the Bar of the Cross Keys, in Henrietta-Street, shall have four Bottles of Claret Reward, and Questions ask'd.

This

This is to inform the PUBLICK,

That there is now to be seen in *Covent-Garden*, the celebrated *Mr. More*, so well known to the Curious for his astonishing Variety of Voices, who we hear intends to give them all in Favour of *Sir G. V——t*.

L O S T.

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Dec. 8.

THIS Day Proclamation was made, and the
Poll was closed. Upon the State of the Poll,
from the commencing of it, Lord *Trentham* had
157 Majority; but Council being heard on both
Sides, a Scrutiny was demanded, and adjourned to
the 26th of this Instant, to be held in St. Anne's
Vestry-Room.

